अमरीकी समाचार पत्रों द्वारा भारत विरोधी प्रचार

1734. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

श्री सुशील बरोंगया :

क्या **विदेश** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने अमरीकी समाचार पत्रों द्वारा जम्मू और कश्मीर तथा पंजाब में आतंकवादी और विघटनकारी तत्वों का समर्थन करते हुए भारत के विरुद्ध प्रचार किये जाने की कार्यवाही को गंभीरतापूर्वक से लिया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस दुष्प्रचार का खंडन करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हरि किशोर सिंह) : (क) और (ख) सरकार ने अमरीकी अखबारों में जम्मू और कश्मीर तथा पंजाब की स्थिति के सम्बद्ध खबरें देखी हैं मोटे तौर पर इन खबरों में जम्मू और कश्मीर तथा पंजाब में आतंकवादियों और अलगाववादियों के हिंसक कार्यों का समर्थन नहीं किया गया है । अमरीकी अखबारों में प्रकाशित खबरों में अलग-अलग नजरिए पेश किए गए हैं। समय-समय पर जहां कहीं जभी तथ्यगत भूलें और कुप्रेरित रिपोर्टिंग देखने में आई हैं, हमारे मिशनों ने संबंधित समाचार पत्रों के साथ मामले को उठाया है । ऐसे अनेक मामलों में संबंधित संपादकों को लिखित रूप में सरकार का दृष्टिकोण समझाया गया है ।

Birth and death records

1735. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even today reliable birth and death records are not available anywhere in the country; and

(b) if so, whether such information would be brought out as an important part of planning process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Registration of births and deaths in the country is governed by the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969. However, all births and deaths do not get reported. Efforts are being made for creating awareness among the people for registering births and deaths. A number of publicity measures have also been introduced in this regard. In view of the incomplete coverage of births and deaths registration, a scheme called Sample Registration System has been initiated by the Office of the Registrar General, India which provides reliable estimates of births and deaths at national and sub-national levels.

Anti pollution drive by Delhi Traffic Police

1736. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent anti-pollution drive against smoke emitting vehicles by Delhi Traffic Police has reduced the pollution levels in the city;

(b) what is the ratio of pollution caused by the private vehicles and vehicles of DTC, MCD, NDMC etc.;

(c) whether Government have taken any action against erring DTC or MCD vehicles, if so, what is the number of such cases booked; and

(d) what is the total number of vehicles checked so far, and the number of vehicles found over polluting?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNI-

KRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The Delhi Traffic Police undertook a drive to check pollution levels in automobiles to bring in awareness in the minds of the vehicle-owning public to maintain their vehicles in conformity with the prescribed emission level standards. In the Union Territory of Delhi, checking was carried out mainly by the Directorate of Transport. The result of the drive cannot be quantified easily. A sample survey of diesel-driven vehicles conducted during April-July, 1990 by Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration reveals that out of 834 private vehicles, 82.87% vehicles were polluting above the laid down standards. In the case of Government vehicles, out of 3336 number of vehicles checked, 51.4% vehicles were found polluting above the prescribed standards.

(c) The Directorate of Transport have intimated that during April-July 1990, 585 Government vehicles out of which 376 belong to DTC, have been challaned.

(d) The total number of vehicles checked by Directorate of Transport till 30.6.90, has been 516712. Of these, 34% vehicles were found polluting beyond the emission limits prescribed under the Rules.

Activities of ULFA

1737. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS-GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ULFA cadres in Assam have completely paralysed the administration and the AGP Government could not tackle the law and order problem in the State; and

(b) if so, what is the action plan proposed by Government to supress the activities of ULFA in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir. ULFA's activities, however, are causing concern to the Government.

(b) The State Government are taking necessary action to curb the activities of ULFA. The State Government have also initiated action which includes gearing up of administrative machinery, raids on hideouts, mobile and static checkings of vehicles, etc. The Central Government are providing necessary assistance to the State Government.

Appeal from scientists to Governments of India and Pakistan

1738. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 100 Indian scientists have recently urged the Governments of India and Pakistan to banish nuclear weapons from this part of the world; and

(b) if so, what is Government's information about the Pakistan Government's response thereto; and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India do not believe that the problem posed by nuclear weapons can be solved on a bilateral or regional basis as the threat posed by these weapons has a global dimension. There is no information as to the Pakistan Government's response to the appeal from the group of scientists.